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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: First SIG (Space) Meeting

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1. There were a couple of points made at the SIG (Space) meeting which are not only omitted in the minutes of the meeting, but the minutes reflect a contravening view from those of the meeting. The main issue centers on any budgetary or programmatic considerations. It was agreed at the meeting that the SIG would devote itself to major policy issues and not get involved in the programmatic issues which are left for other inter-agency bodies. That point was heatedly debated during the IG meetings. My endorsement of the SIG concept was indeed to keep it on a policy level basis.

2. I also expressed concern regarding any decisions on our space program which would increase the cost to the NFIP of our launch vehicles.

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